



**Brookstone Schools**  
*Sowing Seeds of Wisdom*

**Annual Report 2013-14**



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# Charlotte's Community in Action

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9*



*John Stamas  
Board Chairman & Partner*

Nationwide, it is no secret that many children are trapped in a multi-generational cycle of poverty and lower academic achievement. Our failure to close the achievement gap has led to a widespread sense of deep cultural and social crisis. It is the cultural issue of our day and we cannot sit idle.

At Brookstone, while immersed in this reality, our outlook is not one of pessimism, but of hopeful expectancy. God has called us to a task, and His abiding presence is the source of our strength. We will stay the course, stepping out in faith to provide excellent education and discipleship to inner city children.

What a joy it is to see the life-changing gains students can make and to hear the compelling stories of our graduates whose lives are bearing fruit. Our labor is not in vain.

From a very humble beginning 13 years ago, many have contributed to our ministry: visionary founders, dedicated staff and teachers, and a growing team of loyal donors and volunteers. Overall, it may be that our secret sauce is serving, plain and simple. As we sow seeds of wisdom, we ourselves are being transformed. The strides that students make, while impressive, are trumped by the softening hearts and recommitted minds of all those involved in this mission.

May we continually pray, not that God is on our side, but that we are on His.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Stamas".

*John Stamas  
Board Chairman & Partner*



# Brookstone's Heart and Soul

*He that waters shall be watered himself. — Proverbs 11:25*

## Administrators

Deborah Preston  
*Principal*

Suzanne Wilson, MEd  
*Director of Advancement*

## Board of Directors

John Stamas  
*Chairman*  
Carole Ardizzone  
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Justin Boyd  
*Management Consultant*  
Miller Byne  
*Business, Retired*  
Mollie Faison  
*Community Advocate*  
Susan Goode  
*Community Advocate*  
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Broker*

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*Director, NC Education  
Alliance*  
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Greta Orcutt  
Connie Ott  
Lynn Purdum  
Deb Seelig  
Robin Weaver  
Julie White  
Anita Williams  
Tammy Wise  
Debby Woodhouse

*Justin Boyd, board director, with Joseph Kabwe, 7th grader, Kamautica McInnis, 2nd grader, & Passion Kabwe, 4th grader*



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# Meet Our Volunteers Who Make a Difference

*Mission: To glorify God by equipping urban students academically, socially, & spiritually for future lives of leadership and service.*



Once a young urban student, I can identify with having little, as it related to materialistic possessions, but having tremendous wealth, as it related to faith and family values. I love that Brookstone is unapologetic in its commitment to serving Christ. I also love that the staff and parents work in partnership to ensure the needs of the students are met.

— Pat Amos  
lunch buddy

Over the past several years, I have had the joy of watching these children grow in the love of Jesus and express their faith through music during summer camp. It warms my heart to be greeted with enthusiastic hugs, smiles and "Hello, Ms. Patty" as I walk down the halls during the school year. In short, I have fallen in love with these students.

- Patty Gruce  
partner & volunteer

From the first moment I stepped into Brookstone, I was immediately engaged. The mission, the education, the people, and the children are all so inspirational. I whole-heartedly support a cause that nurtures and teaches underprivileged children that there is a Father in heaven that loves them. I am blessed to be a part of Brookstone Schools.

- Justin Boyd  
board director

Our church began helping with Brookstone's Summer Camp in 2012 as a way to involve our youth group in a Missions Week. Our kids grow up in the suburbs on the lake, far from the realities and needs of inner city children. Here they get to see Christ at work from a different perspective. Mission begins locally and goes out from there. This is our Jerusalem (Charlotte).

-Adam Mumpower  
youth pastor & volunteer

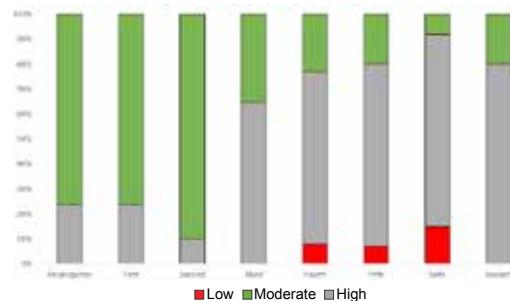


# What Has Been Accomplished

## Reading Outcomes

This graph shows reading outcomes from the TerraNova standardized achievement test that was administered in May 2014. The green band shows the percentage of students who are reading well above proficiency. Students performing at grade level are represented by the gray band. A small percentage, shown in the red area, are receiving additional learning support to reach grade level proficiency.

Basic Reading Outcomes for Students per Grade in 2014

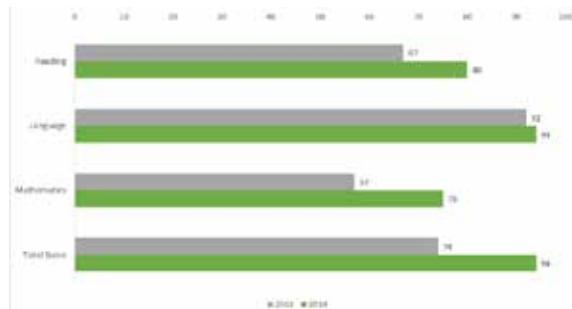


Brookstone graduates Chris White, 10th grader, & Ra'Ajia Davis, 9th grader

## Learning Growth over One Year

The chart below shows the kind of solid learning gains we expect a student to make in a school year. In May 2013 kindergartener, Taryn Campbell, scored at the 67th percentile in reading. This spring, after instruction in first grade, her reading score was 13 points higher at the 80th percentile. She showed a gain of 18 points in math and finished strong with a total score at the 94th percentile. Only 6% of Taryn's age group across the nation performed at such a high level.

Test Scores for Taryn Campbell





# Brookstone Graduates: Where Are They Now?

*“...first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.” – Mark 4:28*



**Stacy Shembo**

“My four years at Brookstone gave me different kinds of learning opportunities and the desire to succeed in school. What I remember most is the family atmosphere and the people. My teachers always cared about me and made sure that I grasped what I needed to know before moving on.”

Stacy is currently a freshman at East Carolina and plans to pursue a career in nursing.



**Blaine Williams**

“Brookstone gave me a great Christian foundation which helped mold the person I have become. My advice to students is to take in all the life skills and academics at Brookstone. They may not know it now, but one day these skills will come in handy and help them make good choices.”

Blaine, a 10th grader, is an A honor roll student who plans to become a robotics engineer.



**Isaiah Shembo**

“The small school environment of Brookstone helped me to develop real friendships. I still keep in touch with these people. Teachers made sure we mastered the material. Singapore Math was really great. I left feeling well prepared for advanced math in middle and high school.”

Isaiah, an Honors 10th grade student, plans to attend University of Maryland and pursue a law degree.



**Mekiya Fletcher**

“My six years at Brookstone helped me set my expectations high. They were set so high that as a child I thought I wouldn’t be able to achieve them. Yet I made those goals because I had the support I needed from the faculty and staff. I have a long road ahead, but I am prepared for this journey.”

Mekiya, a sophomore at Virginia State University, aspires to be an obstetrician and have her own teaching clinic.



# Embracing Stewardship ... Celebrating Giving

## Brookstone School Financials

*Statement of Activity July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014*

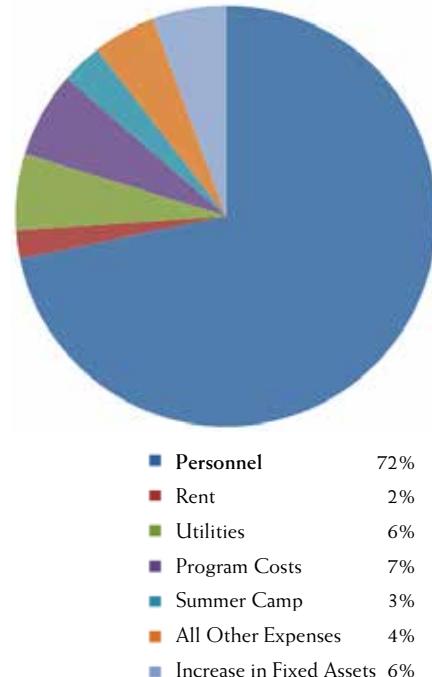
### Revenue

Total Contributions	\$1,108,391
Total Student Fees	64,292
Other Income	21,130
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,193,813</b>

### Expenses

Personnel costs	\$794,663
Rent	24,000
Program costs	73,115
Utilities	65,178
Summer Camp	34,540
All other expenses	53,735
Increase in fixed assets	62,705
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,107,936</b>

**Net Income** **\$85,877**



Brookstone Graduates Chris White, Isaiah Mason and Ra'Ajja Davis



# With All of Our Heart, We Thank You



Aileen Lockhart

*Brookstone has been a blessing to my four grandchildren. Sponsors, scholarships, caring teachers and volunteers all make a big difference. The interest shown in their lives is astounding. My grandson's lunch buddy has visited him twice since the school year ended. These committed relationships will lead to the success of these children. This is something that has the potential to positively change their lives forever.*

## Churches

All Saints Anglican Church  
Carmel Presbyterian Church  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Church At Charlotte  
Davidson United Methodist Church  
Holy Trinity Reformed Church  
Hope Community Church  
Luther Snyder/Ruth Fisher Bible Class  
Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church  
Myers Park Presbyterian Church  
SouthLake Presbyterian Church  
Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church  
Uptown Church, PCA  
Warehouse 242  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Corporations

Bank Of America  
C. DeWitt Foard & Company, P.A.  
Captrust Financial Advisors  
Carolina Paymasters  
Changed Choices  
Charlotte Motor Speedway  
Childress Klein Properties  
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated  
Elliott Davis, LLC  
General Mills Box Tops For Education  
Harris Teeter, Inc.  
Hayden Harper Inc  
Head To Toe Ortho Inc  
Hendrick Automotive Group  
J.E. Dunn Construction Company  
John G. Hancock & Associates, Inc.  
Kearns & Company, LLC  
Linden Thomas & Co.

## Foundations

East Tennessee Foundation  
Mebane Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
The Elise & Marvin Deckelbaum Family Foundation  
The Herschel H. and Cornelia N. Everett Foundation  
C. Ray & Cynthia M. Kennedy Foundation  
The Leon Levine Foundation

## Other

Kicks 4 Kids  
P.E.O. Sisterhood  
The Ellen Pemberton Sunday School Class  
Wakeman Charities Inc.  
Presbyterian College  
Belk College of Business, UNCC

Suzanne Wilson, Director of Advancement, with Kanautica McInnis, 2nd grader, and Siol Kashimawe, 1st grader



## Individuals

### Leadership \$10,000 and above

Bill and Jane E. Baynard  
Michael and Kathy Brown  
Miller and Sara Byne  
Jack and Cindy Carmola  
Steady and Barbara Cash  
Sam and Olive Cornwell  
Roy and Susan Goode  
Mark and Sandy Hawkins  
Steve and Debbie Hix  
Dennis and Sue Makepeace  
Brad and Lee McCall  
Whitfield and Liz McDowell  
Robert and Cathy Nordlund  
Preston and Lynn Purdum  
Keith and Aline Robelen  
Michael and Deb Seelig  
Brad and Rosemary Smith  
Michael and Ann Tarwater  
Clif and Mary Alice Vann  
Perry and Julie White

### Patrons \$5,000 to \$9,999

Phil and Stephanie Brosseau  
Edward and Jan Brown  
Marshall and Lynn Carlson  
Glenn and Rebecca Chambers  
Alfred and Amy Dawson  
Bill and Ellie Elmore  
Lane and Liz Faison  
Mollie Faison  
Doug and Carol Fink  
Peter and Anne Gilchrist

Dan and Vesta Gray  
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David and Carolyn Urban  
Steve and Robin Weaver  
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John and Louise Allred  
Dale and Barbara Ardizzone  
John and Megan Barlow  
David and Mary Beth Blackley  
Marc and Ana Cartafalsa  
David and Barbara Cerullo  
Brad and Amanda Cherry  
Edward and Mae Mae Cook  
Tom and Jane Coyle  
William and Loree Davis  
George and Meg Dewey  
Hugh and Jill Duncan  
Bill and Kathy Foster  
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Gary and Meg Hancock  
Rob and Nancy Harris

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Daniel Owen  
Dave and Julia Priester  
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Treva Stephens  
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Leon and Sheila Tuttle  
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Amy and Ted Wolfe

### Level of Excellence

#### \$1,000 to \$2,499

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Jonathan and Sandra Bacon  
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Suzanne Botts  
Justin Boyd  
Ron and Heather Brannon  
Dale and Catherine Buchanan  
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Jamie Dean  
David and Christina Dunning  
Hank and Anne Flint  
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Paul and Hope Griggs  
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Kendall and Julie Moore  
Kent and Nancy Moore  
Pat and Melissa Myers  
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Jeff and Mary Claudia Pilon  
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Harry Schrader  
Frank and Shannon Schultz  
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Mike and Shari Lynn Smiley  
Jane Smith  
Alice Smyth  
Sharon Stratton  
James Teat  
Craig and Gail Vanderveer  
Wes and Anjie Waters  
Bruce and Lydia Watson  
Peter and Suzanne Wilson  
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Shawn and Tammy Young  
Catherine Cauthen

### Honor Roll \$500 to \$999

Doug and Missy Anderson  
Jackie Baker

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Rob and Dottie Bryan  
Mark and Ann Casella  
Joe and Margaret Cogdell  
Quincy and Catherine Collins  
Rod and Nancy Cooper  
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Henry and Herma DeBoer  
Mark and Beth Decherd  
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Nick and Natalie Foy  
Alice Harney  
Tom and Jimi Heiks  
David and Susan Hiller  
Raymond and Deborah Hughes  
Andre Huntley  
Bob Lee  
Todd and Kathleen Mansfield  
John and Anne Mauldin  
George and Allie Mauney  
Frances McDowell  
Julie and Flint McNaughton  
Jerry and Leigh Moran  
Brian and Denny O'Leary  
Jeffrey Kane and Patricia Nowak  
Kenneth Patillo  
Howard and Cathy Peabody  
Eric Pickett  
Larry and Dale Polsky  
Bill and Pam Poston  
Bill and Wallace Prestwood  
David and Patti Ratcliffe

Davis and Carol Sample  
Lawrence and Laura Scott  
Kersey and Marshall Smith  
Kevan and Lisa Smith  
Don and Kathryn Stamas  
Robert and Gina Stasko  
John and Lynn Stewart  
Mark and Jan Stubblefield  
Robert and Joan Sweeney  
David Sylvester  
Charlie Thomas  
Reginald Tuggle and Evette Beckett-Tuggle  
Will and Cristina Warlick  
John and Joan Wolf  
Gayle and Ann Wylie

**Friends Society \$1 to \$499**

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James and Bonnie Batten  
Shavonda Bean  
Joe and Janet Beckert  
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John Bentley  
Neil and Claire Biggs

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Shem and Martha Blackley  
Richard and Mary Blong  
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Lynn Finlon  
Andrew and Janet Fisher  
Allison Flexer  
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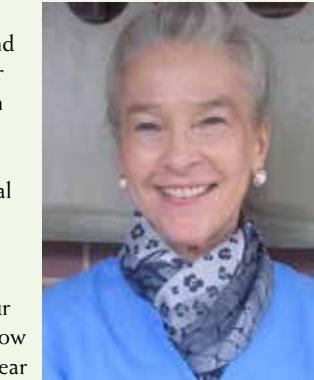
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Brian Zimmerman

*Every effort has been made to acknowledge each name correctly. If you find an error, please accept our sincere apologies and contact us at 704-392-6330.*

## We Salute You

Thank you for helping us provide a refuge of hope and educational opportunity for under-resourced children in Charlotte. We could not have achieved our goals without you, and this annual report is a celebration of what you have been a part of this year. The collective philanthropic support in our community continues to grow as more and more people hear about our mission. Donations from our April fundraiser, combined with other generous donations from loyal patrons, helped us raise the \$125,000 needed to acquire the matching gift from The Leon Levine Foundation. We have seen healthy growth in all ways ... from the expansion of our operating fund to the growing team of committed volunteers who joyfully serve in the school. We journey on and look forward to what the future holds.



  
Suzanne Wilson  
Director of Advancement



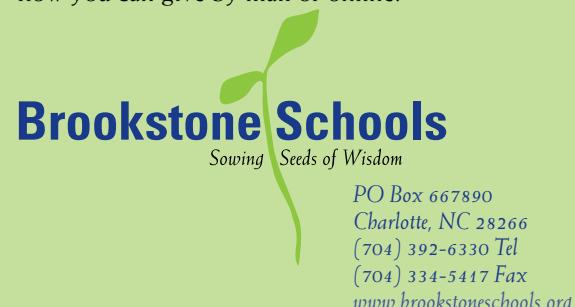
## Get Involved.

**Come Visit** Visit our website for a schedule of upcoming "Lunch and Learn" events. Tour the classrooms and talk with the children. It is our joy to share our mission with you.

**Volunteer** There are many ways that you can get actively involved as a tutor, mentor, lunch buddy and more. Call our office or download a volunteer application from our website.

**Tell A Friend** Share Brookstone with your church, business, or civic organization - there are always creative ways to serve! Give us a call or email us at [getintouch@brookstoneschools.org](mailto:getintouch@brookstoneschools.org) to learn more.

**Donate** Call or visit our website today to find out how you can give by mail or online.



Graduate Chris White and Knautica McInns 2nd grade  
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and Patti Ratcliffe for graphic design.